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Raman amplification, wherein the wavelength of said pump light is 1535 nm or more but not more than [2605] 1605 nm.

REMARKS

The present Amendment merely corrects an inadvertent typographical oversight in the previous Amendment. Accordingly, the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue or any new issue for that matter.

A clean copy of amended claim 2 appears in the Appendix hereto.

Applicants submit that for reasons expressed in the previously submitted Amendment on February 11, 2003, the imposed rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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2. (Twice Amended) A Raman amplifier which is provided with an optical fiber for Raman amplification and a pump light introducing means, said optical fiber transmitting signal light and Raman-amplifying said signal light by pump light introduced thereinto, said pump light introducing means introducing, as said pump light, light having a wavelength that is within the amplification wavelength band of an Er-doped optical fiber amplifier into said optical fiber for Raman amplification, wherein the wavelength of said pump light is 1535 nm or more but not more than 1605 nm.